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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR US MILITARY FLIGHTS OVER
FAROE ISLANDS

1. EMBASSY COPENHAGEN HAS BEEN ADVISED BY DANISH MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE THAT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR
ALL US MILITARY FLIGHTS OVERFLYING THE FAROE ISLANDS. WE
PROPOSE TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO THE DANISH MIN-
ISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BASED UPON INFORMATION USDAO HAS
RECEIVED FROM MAC AUTHORITIES AT 21 AF, MCGUIRE AFB N.J.
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2. QUOTE: THE CURRENT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS STRIKE IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM HAS DRASTICALLY AFFECTED THE ROUTING OF
MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT ACROSS THE NORTH ATLANTIC
AREA. THE BRITISH FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION, SHANWICK OCEANIC
CONTROL AREA HAS BEEN CLOSED OR REDUCED TO THE OTHERWISE
HEAVY VOLUME OF AIR TRAFFIC ACROSS THE NORTH ATLANTIC. NOR-

MALLY, US MILITARY AIRCRAFT WOULD FLY THROUGH THIS AREA AND COMPLETELY AVOID THE FAROE SECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR INSTRUCTIONS. WHILE IT IS NOT THE DESIRE OF THE US MILITARY TO ACCEPT THIS ROUTING, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CLEARANCES ISSUED BY THE REYKJAVIK CONTROL AREA IN ICELAND COMPEL THE AIRCREWS TO OVERFLY THE FAROES TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR VITAL RESUPPLY MISSION TO US MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE.

DUE TO THESE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT BLANKET DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE BE GRANTED FOR US MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO OVERFLY THE FAROE ISLANDS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SITUATION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA RETURNS TO NORMAL OPERATION AND ELIMINATES THE REQUIREMENT FOR UTILIZING FAROESE AIR SPACE. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND AUTHORITIES AT MCGUIRE AFB HAVE KEPT EMBASSY FULLY INFORMED OF ROUTING DILEMMA AS STATED IN PARA 2. DANISH MOD AND MFA CONFERENCE ON 28 SEPTEMBER DECIDED THAT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED. ALL NATO MILITARY AIRCRAFT ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME REQUIREMENT.

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